

**INDIAN RIVER COUNTY, FLORIDA
MEMORANDUM**

TO: Honorable Board of County Commissioners

THROUGH: John A. Titkanich, Jr., County Administrator

THROUGH: David Johnson, Director
Department of Emergency Services

FROM: Stephen R. Greer, Assistant Fire Chief of EMS
Fire Rescue Division

DATE: May 10, 2024

SUBJECT: Approval of FY 2023/2024 EMS County Awards Grant: Purchase of Capital/Operating Equipment Using Non-Matching EMS Grant Funds and Grant Resolution

It is respectfully requested that the information contained herein be given formal consideration by the Emergency Services District Board of Commissioners at the next regular scheduled meeting.

DESCRIPTION AND CONDITIONS:

The Department of Health, Bureau of Emergency Medical Services (EMS), is authorized by Chapter 401, Part II, Florida Statutes, to distribute county grant funds. The funds are then made available to eligible county governments to improve and expand their prehospital emergency medical services. The grant program is an innovative process, which enables EMS agencies to enhance EMS systems through the Board of County Commissioners.

It should be noted that the conditions of the grant require the County to ensure that the EMS grant funds will not be used to supplant or replace any existing EMS budget allocations and the resolution must include a statement to that effect. The grant conditions also require a separate accounting of the EMS funds from all other funds. Historically, the County Awards Grant has been used to purchase medical related equipment or equipment that will assist in the delivery of the service.

The county grant funds are derived from surcharges on various traffic violations. Funding in the amount of \$18,251.69 has been allocated to Indian River County for FY 2023/2024. The grant funds will be utilized as indicated in the grant application for equipment and services to improve and expand the Advanced/Basic Life Support EMS prehospital system. The equipment proposed and justification for purchase in the expenditure plan is as follows:

Strategic Ops TCCC Instructor Kit Tier 1-2 & TCCC Instructor Kit Advanced Tier 3

The TCCC Instructor Kits Tier 1-2 and Advanced Tier 3 are designed as an extensive moulage and wearable kit which is engineered to meet the needs of civilian and military medical teams training in real environments. The TCCC Instructor Kit Advanced includes a cut suit vest with bleeding wounds, that is able to afford enhanced training for realistic point-of-injury, transport, and in-hospital care training. This equipment has a total cost of \$60,701.

FUNDING:

To cover the purchase of the TCCC Instructor Kit Advanced, \$54,266 will come from the Emergency Services District/Fire Rescue/Other Machinery & Equipment/FL DOH EMS Grant account, number 11412022-066490-23701. A budget amendment in the amount of \$18,252 will be needed to allocate the FY 2023/2024 grant. The remaining \$6,435 will come from the Emergency Services District/Fire Rescue/Other Machinery & Equipment/PEMT account, number 11412022-066490-20023, for a total cost of \$60,701.

Account Name	Account Number	Amount
ESD/Fire Rescue/Other Mach. & Equip/FL DOH EMS Grant	11412022-066490-23701	\$54,266
ESD/Fire Rescue/Other Mach. & Equip/PEMT	11412022-066490-20023	\$6,435
	Total	\$60,701

RECOMMENDATION:

Staff recommends approval of the FY 2023/2024 EMS Grant and resolution to purchase the equipment as noted in the attachments. Staff further recommends that the Board of County Commissioners authorize the Chairman to execute the necessary documents to obtain funds from the Department of Health in the amount of \$18,251.69 and authorize budget amendments, as required, to receive and expend the grant funds.

To comply with the requirements of this Grant, staff is also seeking authorization for the establishment of a unique accounting code designator for all County Awards Grant deposits, disbursements, interest accrual and rollover of funds, as they are required to be maintained in a separate fund or account for inspection by the State EMS Monitoring and Compliance Unit.

ATTACHMENTS:

1. Grant Application
2. 2023-2024 County Allocations
3. Resolution